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## EDITORIAL

There were so many demands for a July number that it had to go forth. Our news gatherers had scant notice yet the returns are good. There will be an August number and for it all the news we can get. The subscription list has nearly doubled, but it takes four times as many subscribers at twenty-five cents as it did at one dollar. It must double again—and then some.

While this is not a feature number, it does run quite largely to the work of young people. Mr. Simons gives us some most excellent suggestions for co-ordinating the several branches of our youth organizations. The space given to Week Day Religious Education is in the interest of the coming generation and furnishes opportunity for debate. Mr. Matthews in reviewing Dr. Patten's book, "Can We Find God?" suggests it as a book for college classes, as it is so vitally related to life. There is a growing need for a Secretary of Religious Education in this Conference to get these ideas crystallized and made effective.

Do not forget the Missionary Education Sessions at Asilomar, June 11-21. Recall the benefits that youth in former years derived from these great gatherings. The results have often been manifest in permanent workers at home and abroad. Prompt action may secure another worker for the kingdom.

Checks still come to the office in response to the appeal for an Easter offering for new work in our Home Missionary territory. A few treasurers failed to make the proper designations in remitting. One or two churches have promised to make the appeal later. Oakland, First, sent the largest check, amounting to $618.08. The smaller checks represented the same spirit.

Who in our fellowship will write for us a small pamphlet touching Home Missionary needs or achievements? It would be exceedingly useful for the next Every-Member-Canvass. If such a story is in your minds send it here. If possible, keep it within a range of one thousand to two thousand words. Such a story, well written, is as valuable as a large donation.

So many of our vacant pastorates have been filled or are in process of being filled, that we are withdrawing the list. It pays to advertise. It now looks as if our active churches are going to be splendidly manned when the fall work begins. There are a few churches, practically closed, that might re-open with new spirit if we could get behind them with substantial missionary aid for a few years.

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"I sometimes wish that people would put a litle more emphasis upon the observance of the law than they do upon its enforcement. It is a maxim of our institutions that the Government does not make the people, but the people make the Government."
**—Hon. Calvin Coolidge, President of United States.**

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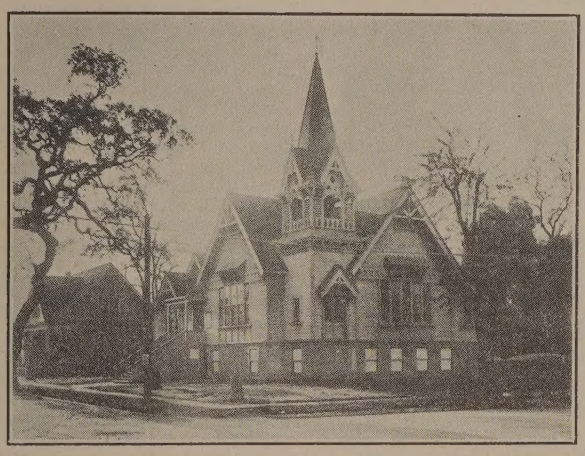
Rev. W. J. Schmalle of Zion Church, Fresno, was a Conference visitor last week. He reports the organization of a new German Church at Orland with five families. The German Conference will care for the little church at present by a system of rotation of ministers from their own body.

# *Martinez Celebrates Golden Jubilee.*



The First Congregational Church of Martinez was organized by Council on June 18, 1874, with thirteen members, ten women and three men. It had neither property nor equipment of any kind, but faced a need and an opportunity.

Fifty years later it finds itself with ten times as many members and possessed of a well equipped church and parsonage, centrally located, and the good will of a growing and prosperous city.

Including the present pastor, the church has had fifteen pastors, nine of whom are still living. Five of the eight former pastors were present to help the church celebrate its fiftieth anniversary, which has just been held.

On Sunday, June 15, the pastor preached an anniversary sermon in the morning, and in the evening "A Fellowship Meeting" was held at which the Sunday School superintendent, the C. E. president and the secretary of the Ladies' Aid spoke of the history of those auxiliaries, and informal remarks from others brought interesting items of information and words of greeting from other groups which have been close to and helpful in the life of the church.

Monday evening was "Civic Night," or "A Community Meeting," at which greetings were offered by representatives of the county government, the city government and a number of the fraternal, social and commercial organizations of the city, among which the youngest, and one of the most thoroughly alive, is the "Men's Community Bible Class," whose leader and teacher is Rev. Edson D. Hale, a member of this church.

Tuesday evening was "Everybody's Meeting," a general social which was enjoyed by a goodly number of the members and friends of the church.

Wednesday was "Anniversary Day." The afternoon was given to the former pastors and charter members, two of whom were present, one being still a constant attendant and helpful member of the church at 86 years of age. The minutes of the organizing Council were read at this session and seemed to receive the hearty approval of all.

More than a hundred people sat down to an abundant dinner, served by the Ladies' Aid, in the beautifully decorated social room of the church, at which time greetings were received from sister churches of the city and vicinity.

Returning to the auditorium, and joined by others who could not be present at the dinner, the history of the past fifty years was reviewed and the celebration brought to an inspiring climax in an address by Dr. Wm. J. Minchin, our State Superintendent.

The program was liberally interspersed with music, both vocal and instrumental, the best talent of Martinez being freely offered for the various sessions, and some former singers enjoying a reunion by taking part in the service of song.

One pleasing feature of the occasion being the use of a hymn by a former pastor, Rev. George E. Atkinson of Ceres.

The former pastors present were Revs. E. W. Stoddard, now Principal of Schools in Vacaville; C. H. Stevens of Lodi, Edmund Owens of Crockett, George E. Atkinson of Ceres, and N. F. Sanderson, who is still in Martinez.

The church enters upon its second half century with new impetus and happy prospects. The present pastor is Rev. W. H. Hannaford, who began work here on March 1st.

## COMMENCEMENT AT POMONA

The many friends of Pomona College will undoubtedly be interested in a short account of the Commencement just past. Alumni Day was celebrated on June 14, beginning with a program by the Alumni in the morning. At noon a picnic was held on the historic Indian Hill golf grounds, which have recently come in to the possession of the college through the generosity of Miss Ellen Scripps of La Jolla. The Annual Alumni meeting was held in the afternoon, followed by a banquet at 6:00 p. m.

On Monday evening, June 16, the graduation exercises were held in the Open-Air Theatre. There were 173 candidates for the B. A degree and ten graduate students for the M. A. degree. Pomona has never believed in the granting of a large number of honorary degrees, but has followed the practice of conferring them only upon outstanding men who would honor the degree rather than be honored by it. This year the college conferred the degree of LL. D. upon Dr. Danjo Ebina. President of the Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan.

## CITY TEMPLE; BERKELEY PLAN SUMMER EXCHANGE

Dr. F. W. Norwood of the City Temple, London, will preach in First Church, Berkeley, on the Sundays of August 17 and 24, during the absence of Dr. Oswald W. S. McCall. During this week in August Dr. Norwood will deliver the Earl Lectures. The exchange which has been arranged between Dr. Norwood and Dr. McCall schedules Dr. McCall for services at the City Temple from August 31 to September 14.

Upon the departure of Dr. McCall August 4, he will go to Boston where he will preach for Dr. George A. Gordon at Old South Church, one of the largest old historic churches in the denomination. On August 17 he will preach at the Presbyterian Church at Bryn Mawr, leaving for England August 23.

Rev. J. Ernest James, pastor of the leading Congregational church in Australia, which is situated at Melbourne, will preach from Dr. McCall's pulpit August 10. On August 31 Rev. Dwight J. Bradley of Webster Groves, Missouri, will supply. The other Sundays until Dr. McCall's return will be supplied by Dr. Miles B. Fisher.

## SAN JOAQUIN ASSOCIATION

Porterville gave royal entertainment to the ministers and delegates of this association on Wednesday, May 28. There was a clear cut, fair-minded discussion of "Modernism and Fundamentalism: Two Religions in One" based on a thorough-going address by Rev. T. T. Giffen. Likewise there was lively interest in a symposium on "The Problem of the Sunday Evening Service" under the happy leadership of Rev. Benjamin Gould.

Rev. G. M. Manavian was the moderator. Three devotional periods were conducted by pastors Manavian, Papazian and Carson. The evening session was given over to missionary addresses, Dr. Kelsey speaking on "Inspiring Aspects of the Missionary Enterprise" and Superintendent Minchin speaking on "The Outlook for Congregationalism." Dr. Davidson was elected as the moderator for the coming year.

## THE FALL CHURCH PROGRAM

The Commission on Evangelism has sent out under the above caption a most attractive pamphlet for the use of pastors and church leaders. Busy ministers will find suggestions under the titles:

1. Leader's Conference.
2. Rally Day.
3. Social Rally.
5. Fellowship Campaign.
5. Every Member Canvass.

We suggest that in late July or early August the churches try calling a Leader's Conference to discuss the whole program for the year. Make out ahead an attractive docket and get as many of the best workers in the church as will give a few hours for careful deliberation. The docket will vary with the locality, but the idea will pay dividends.

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### THE LEAGUE OF YOUTH

Ibsen wrote a play in the early sixties which he called "A League of Youth." It was the story of a group banded together for pleasure if not license. Barrie, the Scottish novelist, at the close of the World War suggested the need, not of a League of Nations, but a League of Youth for the rising generation's self-protection from exploitation by the older. But in Southern California we have a League of Youth, which is "the youth of the church leagued to build a Christian World!"

These young people propose to realize this generation's hopes for a new world order by injecting a Christian way of living into their own activities within the community life. They propose, first of all, "to unite the young people of the church in a common program of Christian living and service." Next as individuals, "they will strive for physical fitness, intellectual honesty, moral courage, the fellowship of good will and of service that is constructive." They also propose "to face life squarely and approach its problems with the determination to solve them by the principles of Jesus." Finally, "they determine to definitely train themselves for leadership in the creation of this new community life."

A young people's department of the church or "League of Youth" is organized for each natural age grouping, such as the Junior High, High School and older young people, or for the entire group in a small church. Each member of the church is automatically a member of the League of his age group, constituents become so upon enrollment. Each department is divided into League class groups of ten, each of which is organized by a simple program commission of a chairman, secretary and four vice-chairmen, each of whom is in charge of a phase of a four-fold program of Devotional, Study, Recreational and Service activities. These, with an adult leader or teacher, take charge of the class group program. The two or more class commissions in an age group compose a Council for the department which elects a department program commission with an adult counselor or superintendent. In large churches where it is desirable to organize the entire young people's division of the church, the three department commissions meet as a general Council or Cabinet, and elect a League of Youth Program Commission with an adult counselor or superintendent. Thus the young people of the church are united by simple organization upon an elastic program which includes all of the essential activities of the many duplicating and often competing organizations now in the field. The Commission Secretary keeps in touch with the extra-church organizations as did the former local secretaries, losing nothing by the correlation, and adding effectiveness by giving these organizations' contribution to the entire group of young people within the church.

The League of Youth meets as a department of the Church School Sunday mornings for worship, correlated instruction and announcements, if there is adequate equipment. It then divides into its class groups for regular graded class study. The League (or departments) usually meet again for a social hour and forum session on Sunday evening. A mid-week meeting is held upon "church night" with class meetings and a League assembly for a varied program of business, recreational, forum and service events. A single curriculum in which the class, department worship and forum and mid-week activities are a part, is built, graded and adapted to the age groups. The problem-discussion method of teaching with the use of projects which demand the actual living of the work out in communities is the method used. The four-fold program is developed as a single program of living rather than separate activities. The number and kind of meetings are determined by the number of young people, the church equipment, the type of community and the rest of the church program. Usually, however, there are fewer meetings with larger attendance, a new spiritual dynamic and "all of the young people back of all the work of the church."

Fellowship Meetings are held with the young people of other churches in a community with the idea of furthering interdenominational fellowship and stressing the life and work common to all Christian young people. The Southern California Congregational Conference itself is divided into eleven natural districts, each organized with a Program Commission, and holding quarterly Fellowship Meetings. A Young People's Commission of the Conference Education Committee meets in Los Angeles bi-weekly. This Commission sets up an annual Fall two-day Conference centrally located and a Summer seven-day Young People's Conference at Pomona College, and acts as a clearing house for programs and materials, speakers and any other service which may be rendered to the districts or local groups.

After two years of the League of Youth program, churches, large and small, especially the latter, report remarkable progress in their young people's work. The program has been unified and the organization simplified, modern methods of teaching introduced and a new spirit generated. The League of Youth is young, but it is a vital living thing, growing and changing, a youth movement determined to live its life according to its clearest light and highest motives. Let us hope that is will succeed!

GEO. F. SIMONS.

### OFFERS CHURCH PLAYS

The Boulevard Players, who have appeared before the Conference meetings at Asilomar on various occasions, are ready and willing to serve any of the churches of the Northern California Conference. This organization will furnish a play or a program of plays, or the director will aid any of the churches in forming dramatic groups. Anything done in this connection by the group as a whole or by the director will be wholly without compensation. The object is to serve all the churches generally by a representation of spiritual truth in dramatic form.

Churches interested should address, Wilbur S. Tupper, Director, 445 Beverly Avenue, San Leandro, Calif.

### ASILOMAR

By William L. Stidger

Tune: "He Lifted Me," Key of G

Asilomar, I sing of thee
Among the pines, beside the sea.
Where ocean breezes full and free
In love sweep over thee.

**Chorus:**

Our voices raise, Asilomar,
And thee we praise, Asilomar,
Thy shadowed ways where laughter plays,
Oh, happy days, Asilomar!

When shadows of the evening fall
The wood fire leaps and voices call
In love, we give to Him our all—
To Him, Asilomar.

### GENEROUS MINISTER

"Why do you sign your name J. John B. B. B. Bronson?" asked Hawkins.

"Because it is my name," said Bronson. "I was christened by a minister who stuttered."—Exchange.

### THE WEEK DAY CHURCH SCHOOL

What looks like a warm debate is in progress between those who are seeking Week Day Religious instruction and those who are content with getting the Bible placed in every school room in the State.

The editor of the California Voice is sponsoring a petition seeking legislation in behalf of the later, and the more constructive leaders are at work to get all the moral and religious forces at work for the former.

There are 27,000,000 children and youth in the United States not receiving any religious instruction, Catholic, Jewish or Protestant. California has its proportion of this number. Aware of this condition, a State-wide Conference on the Church School was held in Fresno, June 22-23, to devise ways and means for securing favorable legislation whereby we can provide adequate moral and spiritual training in both State and Nation.

In connection with the Conference a findings committee was appointed as follows: Rev. C. R. Fisher, chairman; Father J. P. McGrath, Senator Lewis L. Dennett, Miss Alice Smith and Mr. Harry Coffee. Attorney General U. S. Webb was present and entered heartily into the discussion showing that the Constitution would not prevent favorable legislation. Mr. Will Wood gives hearty approval. Prof. W. J. Cooper of the Fresno schools emphasized the present day demand for such instruction, and many others promise support if wise legislation can be secured. Another meeting will be held in July. The committee will report more in full at that time. This much is clear, the plan will not include the placing of the Bible in the public school nor the use of public school buildings, equipment, teachers or funds. There is hope registered in this get-together movement.

### THE FIRST CHILDREN'S DAY

"In a beautiful, far-off country
Where the palm and fig-tree grow, grow,
The Friend of the children gathered
The little ones long ago.
He folded them to His bosom,
And people heard Him say,
'Of such in the kingdom of heaven,'
That was the first Children's Day."

### THEY CANVASSED THE CANVASSERS

Following the December Canvass prizes were offered for suggestions and factual statements showing results in three classes of churches, namely, A country church of less than a hundred members; a country or city church of one hundred to three hundred and fifty members; a city church of over three hundred and fifty members. The first prize went to Rev. A. R. Boone, Plentywood, Montana. The second went to Mrs. A. A. Love, Fargo, North Dakota. The third went to Rev. A. Cushman McGiffert, Jr., Lowell, Mass. The details of this contest will soon be in serviceable form and this office will gladly furnish the leaflet on application.

### MISSIONARY PROGRAM SCHEDULED

Announcement comes from the Mount Hermon Federated School of Missions of the study program which has been planned for the week of July 5 to 12. Among the faculty are Mrs. Richard Stanley Emrich for textbook work and lectures, including a course on "Stewardship of Life" for girls; and Dr. Roy B. Guild for Bible lessons, a sermon July 6, and an evening address. Mrs. Guild is listed for "Ming Kwong"; Dr. H. H. Guy and Dr. Tully Knoles will be there, and a number of other capable teachers will direct other phases of the program.

### "CAN WE FIND GOD? THE NEW MYSTICISM"

**By Arthur B. Patten**

In this book of sixteen chapters, occupying two hundred and twenty-four pages, the former pastor of First Congregational Church, Sacramento, attempts the needed task of relating "religion to the whole range of reality," and of giving "a balanced account of the deeper experience of man." For such a task he is well fitted by his knowledge of "Mysticism." He has marked, learned and inwardly digested all the great literature on his subject and in addition he has kept a close and sympathetic contact with the life of the ordinary man, and more particularly with the ordinary man who does revolve the great questions of life and death. He is wide awake to the dangers of unbalanced mysticism—that busy concern with God alone which forgets the world of brethren by our side. He notes clearly the parallel peril of those who, seeing through a glass darkly, only the "problems" of society, lose the comforting presence of that God who is the soul of any crusade that we join to right the wrongs of a torn and disordered world.

We heartily recommend this book to every minister who believes in his task of fulfilling the chief function of the Christian ministry, which is surely to make men aware of the living God in a living Universe, as L. P. Jacks reminds us. One of the finest uses to which the contents of these pages could be put would be in a discussion class for college students and adults. Such a course, wherever thoughtfully conducted would result in the recovery for many people of a really working idea of God in modern life.

For our author, Christ is the Master Light of all our seeing, and his finely tempered discussion of Him who is the Way for all sorts and conditions of men is one of the most valuable sections of a great book. (Published by Doran; $1.60 net.)

"Church Music and Worship." A Program for the Church of Today. By Earl Enyeart Harper. Does any organization in the world neglect its inherited wealth so despisingly as the average Christian Church? Think of music and the joys it affords to millions of lives the world over, and then think of the music you heard in church last Sunday. Does the average minister, or choir leader, or organist know how wealthy the Christian Church is in music, and, if so, why is his own church music so inexpressibly poor? A multitude of causes and a few reasons may be brought forward by way of apology for the kind of thing that goes by the name of music in so many of our churches, but the fundamental reason, in most cases, will be found in the fact that the minister and his choir leader do not know the way to the mine of the church's musical wealth. Here then is a book that will guide and direct. Into its 220 pages of writing is packed the wisest kind of advice, and into the four chapters of the appendix, occupying another 100 pages, is given a well-arranged list of services with directions for their production.

You will be well advised to ask your Board of Trustees to purchase four copies of this book to be read and studied by your minister, choir leader, organist, and one other well-trained musician, with instructions to see what can be done to lift your church services on to the highest level of well rendered praise.

Professor H. Augustine Smith of Boston University writes an inspiring foreword to this valuable volume. (Abingdon Press. $1.75 net.)

## BENEVOLENCES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1924

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| Adin | $ 6.81 |
| Alturas | 15.00 |
| Angels Camp | 10.80 |
| Benicia | 28.20 |
| Berkeley, First | 499.59 |
| Berkeley, Park | 74.23 |
| Campbell | 5.78 |
| Ceres | 42.77 |
| Cloverdale | 35.71 |
| Eureka | 45.90 |
| Fresno, First | 70.00 |
| Grass Valley | 18.77 |
| Kenwood | 10.50 |
| Lockeford | 21.50 |
| Lodi, First | 725.00 |
| Oakland, First | 326.76 |
| Oakland, Calvary | 25.00 |
| Oakland, Fruitvale | 31.00 |
| Oakland, Grace | 25.00 |
| Oakland, Plymouth | 120.28 |
| Oakland, Boulevard | 37.26 |
| Oleander | 25.15 |
| Pacific Grove | 21.15 |
| Petaluma | 178.50 |
| Reno | 130.00 |
| Ripon | 100.00 |
| Sacramento | 78.72 |
| San Francisco, First | 500.00 |
| San Francisco, Richmond | 31.00 |
| San Francisco, Sunset | 15.00 |
| San Jose | 179.29 |
| San Lorenzo | 16.50 |
| San Mateo | 78.96 |
| San Rafael | 80.52 |
| Santa Rosa | 19.44 |
| Saratoga | 5.00 |
| Sonoma | 18.75 |
| Soquel | 68.00 |
| Sunnyvale | 52.50 |
| Tulare | 44.94 |
| Fairfax | 16.00 |
| Woodside | 34.00 |
| C. W. M. Society | 3.50 |
| S. F. Wom. Society | 23.50 |
| Special contributions | 18.41 |
| Total | $3,914.69 |

### Distribution

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| Annuity Fund | $ 34.47 |
| S. S. E. S. (C H Baker,$7.37) | 73.77 |
| C. M. R. S. | 67.37 |
| Pacific School of Religion | 103.72 |
| C. E. S. | 174.27 |
| C. C. B. S. | 212.67 |
| N C. C. | 276.37 |
| A. M. A. | 437.24 |
| W. B. M. P. | 639.93 |
| A. B. C. F. M. | 638.93 |
| C. H. M. S. | 1,447.08 |
| Mrs. Wingate | 42.30 |
| Total | $3,914.69 |
| (Bay Association | $897.73) |
| (W. H. M. U. | 434.34) |

## COMPARATIVE RECEIPTS ON APPORTIONMENT

Since Januarv 10 we have received $14,678.43 on apportionment as against $15,889.09 for the corresponding period of last year. The following figures show the receipts from month to month. February includes the small amounts sent in after the close of the books:

| | 1923 | 1924 |
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| February | $ 3,846.19 | $ 2,994.21 |
| March | 2,728.33 | 2,923.42 |
| April | 5,946.51 | 4,846.11 |
| May | 3,377.96 | 3,914,69 |
| Total | $15,899.09 | $14,678.43 |

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## OUTLINING CHRISTIANITY

The Rev. Dr. Nehemiah Boynton, chairman of the International Committee of the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches, and the Rev. Dr. Lewis T. Reed, president of the New York City Congregational Association, Inc., are active members of the Interdenominational Board created by the Council of the Outline of Christianity, which is a body recently organized in New York to promote the study of Christian development from the time of Christ to the present day, and to determine the essentials of Christian civilization in its broad and simple outline. The results of the inquiry are to be disseminated promptly by publication and by means of a lecture campaign in a chain of principal cities.

The Council of the Outline had its origin in an informal luncheon at the City Club, New York, in October at which Herbert L. Satterlee presided. It is composed of representative men and women drawn together by the feeling that the present controversial discussion which is occupying so much of the field of our Christian energies calls for a statement of facts in respect to the whole Christian movement which shall be so sound in scholarship, impartial in utterance and popular in presentation as to command general assent and attention.

Among the twenty-one members of the Council are Mrs. Robert E. Speer, president National Board Y. W. C. A., Bishop Earl Cranston of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Dr. Henry van Dyke of Princeton, George H. Sandison, vice-president of the Christian Herald; Dr. John H. Finley, associate editor of the New York Times; Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Bishop Herbert Shipman of New York, George Foster Peabody, Herbert L. Satterlee and others.

Though the movement is designed to keep in touch with the churches it arises outside of them. It does not look toward union or federation, though taking due notice of those tendencies as they develop. It addresses the church public as a part of the general public of practical-minded men and women, responsive in whatever mood to Christian motive.

Under the guidance of the Interdenominational Board, the co-operation of leading scholars in their various fields in this country and Great Britain is being enlisted. Oversight of the work of these contributory groups has been entrusted to Bishop F. J. McConnell of Pittsburgh, Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman of Brooklyn, Rev. Dr. Shailer Mathews of Chicago, Professor F. J. Foakes-Jackson of England, the Rev. Drs. E. F. Scott and Burton S. Easton of New York.

## WILL YOU REMEMBER THAT DAY IN MAY?

Some folks wonder how Mr. Hatfield made it rain without the aid of a Sunday School picnic—or at least a Ministers' picnic. But the balmy day in May upon which this Ministers' picnic was held defied Misty Rainmaker himself.

It was the annual outdoor meeting of the Ministers' Club held the first Monday in May in Live Oak Park, Berkeley. The group of ministers and their wives, numbering over fifty in all, spread their basket luncheons on the rustic tables beneath the trees, and after the last pickle and morsel of cheese was eaten Dr. H. C. Bryant of the University of California spoke on "Common Birds of California."

Everyone agreed that it was a great shopping day for these from the "suburban" districts as the picnic proper was of short duration.

# Facts Worth Quoting

The Sunday School Extension Society is at this season sending out student volunteer workers for the summer months. They will establish at least 100 schools where none have been before. Many more could be established if the society had a more ample budget. The young people who do the work, almost without exception, decide to put their lives permanently into Christian service. They have a taste of the biggest adventure in life, and they realize its priceless value.

Up to February 6, 1924, out of 7,500 missionaries in China, six have been killed since May, 1923, and sixteen captured. Probably half a dozen centers of Christian work have been disturbed by the bandits out of 713, scattered all over China. The missionaries are working under increased risk, yet their greatest protection is the good will of the Chinese.

The situation in Turkey still continues a trying problem. Secretary Riggs reports from the Near East that the Moslem world is unexpectedly plastic. No one close to the work has anything but hope and expectation for the future of the Church of Christ in a field of unprecedented opportunity.

We have 10,000,000 unchurched homes in the U. S. A. 60,000 children in New Hampshire have no religious education. One-half of the 25,000,000 children in the U. S. A. are prevented by law from hearing the Bible read in school. Seven out of ten children in the U. S. A. are not enrolled in any Sunday School or parochial school.

On a lovely campus in Washington State a lonely Chinese student is working out six years of preparation "for China's sake." "Why is it," he asked, "they talk with me sometimes and will not recognize me at other times? Why is it here that men are not brothers?"

Of all the thousands of graduates of our A. M. A. schools among the colored people, there has never been, so far as the records show, a single criminal.

The Kumiai Churches of Japan are the fruitage of our Congregational missions. Their appeal for our help now ought to meet with an instant and generous response. Their needs are estimated as follows:

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| 1. For rebuilding 4 churches entirely destroyed | $210,000 |
| 2. For repairing 8 churches partially destroyed | 40,000 |
| 3. Aid for the support of these churches for five years | 25,000 |
| 4. Needed by the Kumiai Body to make good the contributing power of these 12 churches | 25,000 |
| Total | $300,000 |

The Kumiai Christians are trying to raise two-thirds of this amount in Japan. Our National Council Commission is attempting to secure the remaining third through gifts from our churches in the United States.

"The extraordinary statement is made that the church is the largest homogenous body in existence in China at the present time, and is possibly the most influential agency in the country.

"Authorities estimate that the 700 hospitals (of the several Protestant mission boards) scattered over the world treat over 3,000,000 patients each year."

"In the last twenty years the church membership increase (in China) has been over fourfold. Since the Boxer uprising, which cost the Protestant and Roman Catholic churches 18,000 members through martyrdom, the Protestant membership has grown from 85,000 to nearly 385,000.'"

"Dr. C. K. Edmunds (former President of Canton College), states that although only about 10 per cent of the students are Christians when they enter Canton Christian College, over 90 per cent of those who stay three years or more avow themselves Christians, and many of the remainder are affected for good by the life and teachings of Jesus. There are other academies in China, like that of the American Board School in Shaowu, from which every boy who has ever graduated has made a confession of Christ."

## GOOD THAT IS BEING DONE

To satisfy the numerous requests for information concerning the actual good that is accomplished through benevolences contributed by the individual churches, a pamphlet entitled "The Pilgrim Spirit at Work" has been issued.

This leaflet is a report of the World-wide Service of the Congregational Churches presented by the Commission on Missions on behalf of the Missionary Societies. It explains the good that is being done by the $3,119,410 that Congregationalists gave in 1923, among the belated races, in lands overseas, in fostering education on the homeland frontier, for the Sunday school and in aiding the veterans.

A supply of these pamphlets is now available from the Conference office and will be sent to churches on request.

May 14, 1924

The Pacific,
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Dear Old Friend:

For over thirty years you've been coming regularly to my desk. Through you I have been kept in touch with the brethren and the churches all over the coast. Sometimes you have been rash enough to publish some things I've written, and I remember once a long time ago when a dear brother whose toes I had stepped on rather roughly threatened to start something for you if you didn't tell him who it was (I had written under or over a nom de plume) who had said so.

I have watched with regret your evident decline of late years, and wondered if it were just the inevitable result of your growing old. And now there seems to be a rejuvenation. You're getting fat! and you seem to be finding out things we want to know about more and more. Has the cost of high living come down? **Twenty-five cents!**

I enclose a dollar—have got so used to that amount for The Pacific it doesn't seem right someway to send less. You can come along to me for a couple of years, if that's to be the rate—and go tell the news to some one else for the other two years. There are maybe one or two old-timers who wouldn't see you otherwise.

You're as welcome as mess-call to a hungry doughboy! I wish you success.

Cordially yours,
GEO. H. DeKAY.
Honolulu.

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## CHURCH NEWS.

**Porterville:** Great interest is being taken in the Sunday evening service. Since the using of motion pictures, the attendance has greatly increased, the large auditorium being filled to overflowing every Sunday evening. Pictures of the very highest class are shown, some of the recent ones being "A Servant in the House," "That Something," "A Message from Mars." The pastor always gives a short sermon, and this is illustrated by the picture. Illustrated songs are sung from the screen, accompanied by the orchestra. There are besides special musical features. Recently the local post of the American Legion, the Odd Fellow and Rebecca lodges of the city, and the members of the graduating class of the high school, have been guests of honor. These interesting and inspiring services on Sunday evening are called "The Picture and Song Service."

**Oakland, First:** Children's Day was observed at Temple Sinai with an original program entitled, "Life and the Church School." It was prepared and directed by Miss Ada Rose Demerest of this church and shows the high grade of work done in this school despite their having no church home of their own. Copies of this program may be secured by writing to Mr. Waddell, the Assistant Pastor and Director of Religious Education. The school expects to send five or six young people to the Missionary Education Conference at Asilomar.

The Daily Vacation Bible School opened June 16th with an enrollment of 150. The Church School appropriated $400.00 for the four weeks course. Trained teachers are employed. The sessions are held in the First Unitarian Church, where the present school is housed.

**Pescadero:** Under the very enthusiastic leadership of a layman, Mr. Alexander Granger, this church has been reopened for Sunday School and Young People's work. The hope is expressed that these features may pave the way for a resident minister.


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**Cotati:** During the year this little church has spent over three hundred dollars on its property. It is fortunate in having the leadership of Mr. David Miller, who supplies it in connection with his secular work.

**Palo Alto:** Rev. W. B. Thorp. At a recent service the pastor distributed copies of a questionnaire calling for an expression of the relative degree of interest in ten different points of religious belief. No names were to be signed, but sex, age and denomination of rearing were called for. The ten points listed were: prayer; a righteous, loving God; authoritative inspiration of scriptures; a sense of pardon for sin; Jesus more than a human being; saving power of His cross; life after death; universal salvation; miracles of the Bible; coming triumph of righteousness on earth. The instructions were: "Cross out any points that do not interest you, and mark the remaining items in the order of your present interest." The 65 blanks handed in that morning indicate that when the returns are complete they will provide an interesting theme for discussion.

## SECRETARY WILBUR CHOSEN

Secretary of the Navy Curtis D. Wilbur, formerly of First Church, San Francisco, has been elected a deacon in the First Church of Washington, D. C. President Coolidge became a member of this church shortly after entering the White House.

## SANTA CLARA ASSOCIATION NOTES

Rev. William E. Eckles, pastor at Campbell, recently underwent a minor operation. He spent the month of June resting at his summer home at Mt. Hermon. During his absence from his work the pulpit was supplied by the Rev. Rowland B. Dodge and C. G. Marshall.

Eleven new members were recently received into membership in the "Mayflower" Church at Pacific Grove. Eight of this number united by confession of faith. Dr. J. B. Silcox recently celebrated his 49th anniversary as a pastor. Under his leadership Pacific Grove church is sure to prosper.

Constant increase in interest and growth in membership marks the work at San Mateo under the leadership of Dr. Chas. L. Kloss. Twenty-four have united recently and a class was received last Sunday, the exact number of which is not known to us. An evening Forum has been started that gives promise of great interest. Dr. Kloss recently visited San Jose, where he spoke before the Lions Club of that city and the mid-week meeting of First Church.

San Jose entertained the State Christian Endeavor Convention the last of June. Rev. Fred W. Morrison was in charge of the entertainment for the convention. Rev. Rowland B. Dodge, who for two years was Pastoral Counselor for the State Executive Committee, preached at the Sunday morning service in our First Church. The meetings were held on the campus of the Teacher's College, and the main sessions were in the beautiful quadrangle. The beauty of the convention surroundings has probably never been excelled in a state convention.

President Tully C. Knoles of the College of the Pacific has been a highly prized friend of the San Jose church. The moving of the college to Stockton this summer will mean a serious loss to the religious and civic life of San Jose. Dr. Knoles preached his farewell sermon in the pulpit of our church on June 22. Gracious words of appreciation were spoken by both Mr. Morrison and President Knoles.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Rev. Charles H. Dains has been called to Paradise. He and Mrs. Dains are now visiting in Southern California.

After a month of supply work at Alturas, Rev. Arthur Paterson has been called to the pastorate there and is at work.

Dr. Kloss prints his calendars in uniform size and then binds them in yearly editions, thus preserving the history of his work as well as the history of the church.

Rev. Ralph C. Waddell underwent an operation for sinus trouble in May, and comes back with renewed energy and enthusiasm. He is doing a great work at First.

Mrs. Kittie E. Hoskins, widow of a former minister in this Conference, had a slight shock recently and is confined to her bed. Her address is 3741 McClelland Street, Oakland.

Mrs. Anna C. Singer, who has been on an extended visit to New York, has returned to Berkeley and can be found at 2218 Bancroft Way.

Mrs. E. A. Osbornson of Chicago visited our Conference Offices for a few minutes this month. Mrs. Osbornson represents the Woman's Boards on the Commission on Missions.

Rev. E. T. Sherman of Honolulu was a recent visitor to the office. He is prepared to take a church here on the mainland, and Broadmoor is unanimous in wanting him.

Niles has called Rev. Allan R. Goozee, who has gone to Walla Walla to bring back a bride to share the parsonage with him.

Rev. Ralph W. Bayles, Missionary for Kauai, Hawaii, came in June 27 on the Lurline. After a rest of a month or so he will be ready for work in California.

Rev. Arthur Bunce and his wife of Newport, Scotland, arrived in San Francisco Wednesday, June 25. He comes with most excellent testimonials hoping to secure a church here and make California his permanent home.

We regret to learn that the mother of our Kenwood minister, Rev. W. H. Youngman, is very low and may pass away at any moment.

Rev. L. M. Isaacs and family have reached their new field in Eagle River, Wis., and he is hard at work in developing the Larger Parish idea in that section.

## STUDENT SUMMER SERVICE IN OREGON

The Home Missionary Society has engaged Mr. Irwin Oliver Addicott for special service for three months in Klamath County, with headquarters at Klamath Falls. Mr. Addicott is a graduate of the University of California and has received a degree of M. A. in Religious Education from the Pacific School of Religion. He will study the possibilities for new work in this region and carry on the Sunday School recently organized by Mr. Edwards for the C. S. S. E. S.

James H. Price, a student of the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif., has been engaged by the Home Missionary Society as a summer worker. His time will be devoted to Park Place, Ardenwald and Parkrose. At Park Place there is a possibility of the reorganization of the church. At Ardenwald and Parkrose he will work in harmony with the pastors of the churches.

Dr. John K. Browne is reported to have been the most popular speaker at the Texas and Tennessee Conferences. "All who heard him once craved an opportunity for a second hearing." Dr. Browne is now connected with the Chicago Office of the American Board, and is carrying to the eastern churches the same inspiration that he has for so long given to us.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity has been conferred upon Rev. Elisha A. King, by Piedmont College, Demorest, Georgia. Dr. King, formerly pastor of the First Congregational Church of San Jose, and now pastor of the Congregational Community Church of Miami Beach, Florida, delivered the Commencement address at the college. The honor came to Dr. King chiefly because of his masterly lectures on "Evolution and Christian Faith."

A letter received from Rev. Eimer W. Galt of Paotingfu causes us to correct an item printed in our April issue. We understood that he was returning this summer on his furlough, but it seems that it is not due until 1926. "Meanwhile," he writes, "we find much to engage our time and keep us interested in this great Paotingfu parish of three and a half million people. In the last two years we have seen an increase of baptized membership of more than a thousand people, about a 40 per cent increase in our membership in this brief time."

## THE MINISTER'S CLUB

In addition to several very fine fine papers by its own members, the Club has been favored by first hand reports of two great religious gatherings. Dr. Ernest F. Hall reported with judicial spirit the stirring events of the Presbyterian Assembly that met in Grand Rapids, and Dr. E. P. Dennett reported in "racy, rapid manner" the tremendous amount of business done at the Methodist General Conference held in Springfield, Mass.

The Club suspends its meetings until August 4, when there will be a reception to a large class of missionaries about to sail for their fields. The following officers were elected: Rev. Charles F. Clarke, President; Rev. R. C. Waddell, Vice-President; H. L. Rowley, Secretary; Rev. William Floyd, Treasurer.

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